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Summary

Chisato and Takina are given a special mission by DA, with Kusunoki tasking them with investigating the truth behind the growing number of missing persons in Tokyo's Shinjuku region. People are alleging that "demons" are causing people to disappear. After arriving in the neighborhood, they come across three girls who seem somewhat familiar to them, three girls that neither Chisato, a big Huntrix fangirl, nor Takina, recognize. As time goes on, they get closer to the girls, learn their secret, and start to unravel the mystery...

Notes

Hello everyone! Happy May 18th. I began this fic on December 29th of last year, but only finished it this month.

I was inspired by a posting by Aaheli Pradhan for CBR, [listing](#) five anime *supposedly* "better" than KPDH. In a section entitled "Huntrix Would Fit in With Lycoris Recoil's Characters," Pradhan says that although Chisato and Takina have differences "in opinion because of Chisato's pacifist nature and Takina's seriousness...when it comes to carrying out their duties, no one is deadlier and more accurate than them." He adds that "the anime also dives into a deeper conspiracies and the characters' pasts, which will impress fans of KPop Demon Hunters." That article gave me the push to write this fic, especially since Lycoris Recoil (or as some call it, LycoReco) has only 579 fan fics on here, and there are over 30 times *more* KPDH fics (over 17,380) out there. The LycoReco fics which are crossovers with Bocchi the Rock (parts 1 and 2 of the "[Bocchi the Recoil](#)" series by jazzysoggy, which has been on hiatus since April 4, 2023) are noted as inspirations, as are a few chapters of a crossover, by Absow, between LycoReco and Love Live! Sunshine!! entitled "LycYōris Rikoil" (mostly chapters 1-3, part of chapter 4, and none of chapter 5).

For this story, we can assume that they all understand each other somehow, even if Takina and Chisato are generally speaking Japanese, and the three girls of Huntrix know a bit of Korean, unless otherwise stated. I did not originally plan on making Chisato and Takina a romantic couple, but I thought worked *really well* here, so I went with it. The same was the case for Mira, Rumi, and Zoey having a romantic relationship. I did the latter so I could connect it with my fic where Zoey is a surfer, entitled "[Surfer Zoey, my beloved](#)." This fic sets the groundwork for my next story, which will focus on Chisato and Takina. The first rough draft of this fic, on 5/16/26, was 3,993 words long.

Otherwise, I did some research as to where Koreans live in Japan. Wikipedia listed many regions with "significant populations," on a page entitled "Koreans in Japan," noting three enclaves: Ikuno Korea Town; Ōkubo, Tokyo; and Utoro, Uji. The first one is in an Osaka prefecture, while the third is in the Kyoto prefecture. The second one is within Tokyo. Since it is already established that Lycoris Recoil takes place in Tokyo, the second one was the only choice. The Wikipedia page for it (entitled "Ōkubo, Tokyo") also calls it "Shin-Ōkubo" (used in this fic), and "Tokyo Koreatown" (not used in this fic). I choose this location because Zoey, Mira, and Rumi are all Korean, so why would they not visit Shin-Ōkubo? It is within the famous Shinjuku ward of Tokyo (a location in series like Tokyo Ghoul and where you can "find 'anime fashion' girls and many cool kids' shops" [apparently](#), along with so-called [anime hotspots](#)). I'd say that Zoey is the more nerdy of the three girls, so why wouldn't she be there?

On May 17th, I decided to add this story to the 100 Femslash Ships Prompt Challenge, specifically fulfilling the prompt, as stated [here](#), for no. 25 "Love", considering there is a lot of love, and some hugging, in this fic, which is replete with femslash. I also posted this story on the Squidge World equivalent collection.

This fic has been cross-posted on [Squidge World](#) and will be uploaded/cross-posted on the Internet Archive. As always, comments and constructive criticism is welcome.

See the end of the work for [more notes](#)

- Inspired by [Hitori Gotou's Terrible, No Good, Promotion](#) by [jazzysoggy](#)
- Inspired by [Exposed](#) by [jazzysoggy](#)
- Inspired by [LycYōris Rikoil](#) by [Absow](#)

Kusunoki gave Chisato and Takina their orders. They had been able to maintain their independence from DA, in a sense, since everything with Majima went down. Since then, their skills had been recognized to such an extent that they *now* got special missions. "I'm not sure about this, Miss," Chisato began, adding, "I have a lot to do at the café today. If someone else could take this..." Kusunoki remained firm in her response. She kept pushing. "Chisato, the other Lycoris have said no. Don't you *care* about maintaining peace in Tokyo?" Her words did not convince her. As soon she was about to hang up, Takina came in, suggesting she should handle this instead. Chisato wasn't sure. She knew that her partner would probably accept the mission without question. That's what worried her.

"Ma'am, you have another mission for us?" Kusunoki, as she twirled her red hair, smiled. "Yes, Takina, I do. I'd like you and Chisato to investigate the Shin-Ōkubo neighborhood in Shinjuku to confirm the reports about 'demons' supposedly abducting people." Takina remained firm. "Certainly, ma'am. We will do anything to make sure Tokyo is safe for all its residents. Thank you for the offer." As she hung up, Chisato looked at her with clearly annoyance, judging her for accepting Kusunoki's offer. How could she accept this? Why did *they* have to do this? "Takinnnnnaaa? Why did you agree to it?"

Takina explained her reasoning simply. "It's our duty as Lycoris, right?" Chisato had to somewhat agree. She knew that Kusunoki likely judged the Lycoris who had declined her offer. On a certain level, she was excited, although she wasn't the biggest fan. She would *never* admit that. "Fine, yes, I *guess* you are right. I just wanted to try out some new recipes for the café." Takina smiled at her, wrapping her arm around her back, happily. She then grinned, again. "Don't worry, we can do that *later*." They changed out of their café uniforms and into their Lycoris ones, complete with specialized guns, wristwatches, and even smartphones. Takina carried a leather satchel on her back.

Mizuki agreed to drive them to the specified location, while Kurumi said she'd stay behind. Mika wished them all good luck. As they got into the van, and it began moving forward, Mizuki struck up a conversation. "Are you girls ready for this mission?" Chisato didn't know what to say, so Takina spoke first. "I am, ma'am. I want to get to the bottom of this mystery, and learn what's happening in Shin-Ōkubo."

Chisato nodded. Mizuki turned on the radio. At that very moment, the announcer said that they were playing the hit song, "Golden," of the [blockbuster](#) album [of the summer](#), by the talented K-pop band Huntrix. She wasn't a fan of the song, but she knew that a lot of young people were fans, including at least one of the two girls riding in the van.

When the music began playing, Chisato started singing along. To her surprise, Takina did the same, but more softly. Chisato couldn't believe it. She liked this song too? She thought that her partner had said she didn't like it. "I thought you told me that this song irritated you?" Takina was caught off guard. She started to blush and her face as red as a ripe strawberry. "I did...but I listened to it again...and realized you were right...it's my...new *favorite song*." Chisato's face lit up. She smiled brightly. She couldn't believe it! She pulled Takina close and almost hugged her. "I never expected that from such a *rule follower*."

Pouting a little at her remark, she playfully punched her friend, then began singing along even louder now, with the sounds from her and Chisato filling the van. Mizuki didn't like the song, or the band, but she was willing to tolerate it, *for now*. Once she was alone, she could continue listening to Black Rose, a new band formed around Nana Osaki. It was based in England and had begun touring throughout Japan, with Nana Komatsu as the band manager. Rumors had been circulating that the two Nanas were in a romantic relationship. They directly acknowledged and *confirmed* the rumors, then said it was "no one's business" but their own. Mizuki liked that about them and how badass they were.

As they reached their destination, she slowed down the van. Takina opened the sliding door. Mizuki yelled out to them as they rolled out of the van, "best of luck, you two! Contact me if you need anything or get into trouble." They nodded. Mizuki drove away, en route to Café LycoReco, also known as Sweets&Cafe LycoReco or LycoReco, where she could rest. Some time later, she would pick up them both up, as they'd previously agreed when talking about the mission.

Takina and Chisato carefully began walking down the streets, while dusting off their clothes to remove the dirt from the ground. They quickly hid in an alley, hoping to catch one of the perps in the act. What they saw surprised them. Something came out of *the ground*. It snuck behind someone like it was about to attack them. They whipped out their pistols and raised them. "Hands up!" Takina shouted. "You can't get away this time," Chisato added. The mysterious figure didn't turn around, but the person that this figure had tried to attack had luckily fled to safety.

They came even closer to the perp. The being turned around and looked like something from a horror film. As it started to lunge at them, they discharged their weapons, causing it to slump to the ground, then dissipate into nothing. This was *weird*. What in the world was going on? Only seconds later, more of these creatures seeped through the pavement and started to surround them. They had their guns drawn and were back-to-back. This wouldn't be the end. They could have called Mizuki, but she was too far away to help them at this point. They were on their own.

Just when they thought all was lost, three women jumped through the air and slashed down the creatures in front of them. Chisato was amazed, while Takina was skeptical of these girls. She still had her gun raised, ready to strike if necessary. "Who are people and why are you here?" she demanded. The girls shrugged. "We are just taking care of some pesky...uh...humans," one said, with another adding, "yeah, it's become a real pain." The last girl rolled her eyes. Takina didn't like the non-answer. She started was prepared to arrest them, but Chisato told her to stand down.

"So, uh, these people are weird...they just disappear into thin air...that isn't normal." The girls looked at her. One of them blurted it out, "yeah, you are right. They are *demons*, not humans." Another of the girls stared at her, clearly pissed off. One with pink hair said in an almost scolding, but partially exasperated, way, "Rumi! We aren't supposed to tell civilians about it!" She'd forgotten. Takina came close to the girls. Chisato decided to step in front of her and speak first.

"As long we are being honest, both of us *are Lycoris*. We are dedicated to protecting the peace in Japan. We heard some reports that demons are causing people to disappear and we came here to investigate what is going on." The girls looked at each other. They'd never heard the word 'Lycoris' before but they guessed that these two girls were some kind of private military or *something*. They had further questions. Why in world did they have pistols? Weren't guns strictly controlled in Japan? Isn't that one of the things which made it different from other countries?

Takina wondered if Chisato had made an error or not. They had been ordered to not tell anyone their secret. That had been part of the training they all had gotten as Lycoris. Everyone at the Tokyo Branch was trained by the harsh Kusunoki herself. Some of the agents were stuck up and sadistically devoted to DA. Takina wasn't like that. Instead, she wanted to do what was necessary to keep the peace. She didn't have to hide her identity or anything. She did what was necessary to complete her missions. She could easily scan surroundings, look for potential witnesses, and take out *anyone* who threatened to cause problems.

It was very different when it came to these demons. Takina did wonder what made Chisato trust these three girls. Was it because the girls had saved them, or was there perhaps, another reason? She wasn't sure, but she still didn't trust those girls. Her thoughts were interrupted when Chisato extended her hand to each of the girls. They were taken by this blond beauty and her big, flamboyant smile. "I'm Chisato and this is my partner Takina. First things first, who are all of you? Secondly, can you tell us anything about these demons? We've never fought anything like them before."

Mira, Zoey, and Rumi looked at one another. They could tell that she and Takina were undoubtedly skilled at using guns, but could they be trusted to keep their secret? It would be very bad if someone, apart from themselves and Celine, knew they were popstars and demon hunters at the same time. Their solution was make sure that these girls would be friends with them, somehow. They didn't have many other options. "We are all *demon hunters*," Rumi began. "Is there somewhere we can talk?" Chisato gave them her big classic smile. She firmly grabbed Takina's hand. "Sure! We can go to Marguame Udon!" It was one of her favorite places not only because the noodles were chewy and thick, but you could watch noodles being made [in front of you](#). On top of that, you could order rice bowls and tasty tempura. She loved the food there. It was *always* delicious.

The girls didn't know what to say. They followed the lead of Chisato and Takina, with the latter willing to go along with this for the time being. It was said that everything would be fine if you smiled, but Takina wasn't the biggest fan of that mentality. She just wanted to get the job done. That's just who she was as a person. Even so, she still liked to have fun like anyone else her age. As they walked together, Chisato came close to the girls, close enough she could whisper to them. "You know people, generally, are afraid of us, so I'm glad you are more open to this, you know." The girls nodded. They still weren't completely sure about her or Takina.

In no time at all, they arrived at the restaurant. Chisato knew exactly what to do. She ordered the same noodles as she always did. She motioned toward Rumi, Zoey, and Mira. They didn't know what to order. They wondered whether they should let this girl order for them, or if they should order on their own. They were not that familiar with Japanese food. So they let

her order for them, which she was more than happy to do. As the blonde girl chowed down her food like there was no tomorrow, she said, through each of her bites, "so you know we are very veeeeeeeeery busy being you know what, and obviously we can't speak forever." Rumi, Mira, and Zoey nodded in reply, as they ate their own noodles. They understood what she was saying perfectly. Even so, they still wanted to talk to her and her dark-haired companion.

"So, how is it hunting...or fighting demons?...I mean you all are *so amazing* at what you do." All three of the girls blushed. They didn't mind being praised, especially like this. In fact, they liked it. They all soon calmed down, especially after Takina smirked at her partner. "Please don't embarrass them, Chisato. You don't want to make a fool of yourself." The blonde happened to agree with her *this time*. She didn't have a chance to say anything before Zoey spoke, since she'd finished her noodles. The other girls were still ravenously eating their food. "I mean, it can be hard sometimes, but Mir and Ru always have my back, no matter what, you know." Chisato nodded. She understood this completely. It was the same for her when it came to Takina, even more than the other Lycoris agents, since she wasn't close with many of them.

"Well, I have a sort of *a special power* against them... Even so, I could *never* make sure they uh... go where they belong... without the help of Zoe and Mir," Rumi told the two Lycoris. Takina remained a bit inquisitive. She still did not get how in the world these presumed people disappeared like that. Was it a sick magic trick? Or were they some non-human beings like those in some bizarre creepy horror anime that Chisato made her watch late night which gave her nightmares for days? She had to know. She had to know what they were dealing with. That was part of their job after all, right?

"Are these 'demons' you fight...real? Are they human?" Zoey, Mira, and Rumi looked at each other. They wondered what they could tell the two girls. They already had a NDA of sorts about this kind of stuff. Only Celine knew about it. They still hadn't figured out how to tell Bobby about it, yet. One day they would tell him. "They are...sort of human...I guess," Rumi blurted out. "They are...former humans...and we send them back to their...final resting place." Chisato and Takina felt that as Lycoris they did some of the same things, although they had never fought any demons. Only awful, terrible humans. "So, you keep the peace?"

The girls nodded. Mira said, matter-of-factly, "yeah we do, I suppose. I guess we are kinda sorta like all of you, but we fight demons...instead of humans." Perhaps that comparison wasn't the best, or even entirely accurate, but that was okay. As it was getting darker outside, Rumi nudged Mira and Zoey, "we gotta go. Bobby isn't gonna be happy if we are late," saying it in an almost inaudible voice, hoping that only her friends heard her. Chisato somehow picked up on what she said, or at least part of it. She got the gist. She was a bit sad. "Come on, you can't be going yet! We can have so much more fun together." They weren't sure about that. She pulled out her phone.

She scrolled through photos and showed them one of her favorites. It looked curiously like... "This is a desert that my dear Takina made! You can have this if you come to Café LycoReco!" Seeing it again, she burst out laughing, as did Zoey and the other girls. Takina's face turned as red as a velvet cushion. She elbowed Chisato in the ribs, attempting to stop her from laughing. "Chisato, you shouldn't joke about that it's..." she was cut off by her partner's

typical banter. "Come on Takinaaaaaaaaaaaaaa, it's *really really* funny! I couldn't believe you made that and didn't know it looked like a coil of shit." Her partner grumbled in annoyance.

Chisato quickly calmed her down, preventing her from getting more upset by asking if she was "not enough" for her, or anything along those lines. "Awwww, Takina, you are *so cute* when you do that," she said, in such a sweet voice, as she rubbed her cheek against her. All her partner could say in response was, "That's enough. You're embarrassing me in front of them. Save all this...PDA...for home." Mira, Zoey, and Rumi didn't mind. In fact, they did the same thing, while *inside* of Huntrix Tower, but not as much in public because they never wanted fans to get the "wrong idea" about them.

"Fine, Takina. I'll accept your terms as long as they can come with us." She knew she couldn't turn down this blond's request. Not this time. "I'm okay with that as long as Mizuki and Mika are comfortable with it." Chisato was willing to take that. She immediately called Mizuki, who had been expecting her call. After she explained it all, Mizuki told her that it was "okay" that the three girls visited. She called out to Mika, who said, audibly, "that's fine with me." Chisato happily reported the news to Takina. "You can all come to the café." Mira and Rumi weren't sure about this, but Zoey interrupted their thoughts. "I was texting Bobby. He says it is totally fine." The girls were relieved.

A few minutes later, Mizuki pulled up in her van to the Marguame Udon restaurant. She had picked them up hundreds of times, so she had gotten pretty skilled at it. Sometimes she'd even brought along additional passengers in certain instances. This was one of those. After paying for a meal, Chisato and Takina quickly jumped into the van, with Rumi, Mira, and Zoey following right behind. The van sped off in a flash.

Soon thereafter, a song played over the radio. It was an official remix of What It Sounds Like, released as part of a deluxe album. Chisato chattered away. "I *love* this song, almost as much as Golden!" The girls stayed silent. How in the world could they tell them? What could they even say? They had been lucky that Chisato, nor Takina, had *somehow* not recognized them as the world-famous popstars from Huntrix. It was almost a miracle.

When Takina started humming along, Chisato chuckled. "I knew you *loved* Huntrix! After you said Golden was your favorite song earlier today..." The dark-haired girl said softly, "yeah, I never said that I hated them...I'm just not a big fangirl like you who posters, merch, and all that across your room." Rumi, Zoey, and Mira looked at one another nervously. What would they say if these girls found out? Chisato turned to them. "You know of Huntrix? I mean, that song 'What It Sounds Like' really spoke to me. I realized that I had passed up such an *incredible girl* like Takina for far too long...it gave me the courage to confess to her."

Zoey, as bubbly as ever, broke the silence that she and her friends had taken so far in this ride. "That's wonderful! You're both so cute together." Mira and Rumi couldn't believe she had said that. The blonde was overjoyed. She was happy when people said things like that. She grabbed Zoey's hand and looked into her eyes. "You have such good energy! I wish that my sweet Takina would act this way. I'd do anything for her. I love her so much."

Before her black-haired partner could say anything more, she began to blush, which was pretty rare. She was lucky that the dim lights outside hid it. Not long after, they reached the café. Each one of them quickly left the van and went inside. Chisato, with a big smile on her

face, loudly announced, "welcome to Café LycoReco!" The girls smiled back. Chisato and Takina took their leave so they could change into something more casual, rather than their Lycoris uniforms. Mika waved to them when they came in. Mizuki recognized something instantly, now that the three girls were standing in the light.

"Chisato, come out here quick, I have a surprise for you!" Mira, Rumi, and Zoey hoped it wasn't what they guessed. They hoped it was something else. If they were exposed like this, it could be really really bad. Maybe it wouldn't be, but could they really take that chance? Chisato heard Mizuki's words loud and clear. She dragged Takina out with her. "I'm here, Mizuki, what is it?" She pointed at the three girls. They were a bit nervous. "They look familiar, *don't they?*" Chisato scratched her head. It wasn't coming to her, perhaps because of the whirlwind of the day she'd had. "They are...you know...your favorite band."

Saying those words, her mind almost exploded. The three girls in front of her were none other than Mira, Rumi, and Zoey from Huntrix! She couldn't believe she hadn't noticed it before now. She bowed toward them. "I should have been more gracious. I'm sorry for blabbing on and..." Rumi shook her hand from side to side. She'd have none of that. "It's fine. We all should have said something too...we never thought we'd meet any of you today after all."

Chisato was seriously fangirling until Takina stepped in. She couldn't let this go too far. She had to rein her in. Otherwise, she'd lead all of them to sign her posters, her merch, or something else. She did not want that to happen. "I know you are really excited and love this but...they are still guests...and we need to respect their time." Chisato realized she had a point. She put her phone back in her pocket. She didn't want to cause them any harm. She had an idea. "Why don't you all change into uniforms for the café? We can release as a special promotion...to bring in fans and extra business...we could even send some of the funds from it."

Mira wasn't sure about this. In contrast, Zoey was totally on board and she convinced Rumi to go along with it. While rolling her eyes and grumbling, she agreed to what Zoey and Rumi wanted. "Fine. As long as this never makes it into any of those damn tabloid rags." The blonde nodded. She could never do that to them. Chisato showed them to the back where they happened to have three separate uniforms. This wouldn't be like a bunch of photos she had taken of Takina, often without her consent, when she wasn't paying attention, and just for fun. This would be different.

When the girls came out, Chisato was overjoyed. She was about to snap a bunch of pictures, but decided she'd take only one, particularly a selfie of all five of them together. With all of them side by side, it almost looked like they could be working at the café together, while wearing these outfits. "Thanks for doing this!" she exclaimed. The girls grinned as much as they could, putting on their best faces. Mika and Mizuki watched all of this unfold. They were happy for the two Lycoris, but especially Chisato, since she was a big Huntrix fan. Somehow, even with all this commotion, Kurumi didn't get up. She had decided to take a nap and could be a heavy sleeper at times.

As they sat at the café, still wearing the uniforms, they drank some special tea was left over from the day's rush. Chisato told them about how she might be the strongest Lycoris out

there. "You know I've never killed anyone. I use special kinds of bullets that I created." The girls found this fascinating. Rumi talked about their battle with the Saja Boys and more about demons, since they were sharing things about themselves. At one point, Chisato said, "you know, my sweet Takina got disciplined by DA after she used a big machine gun on these awful people. She saved her comrades but she didn't do it in the 'right way.'" Unsure of what to make of this story, Mira and Zoey just nodded along.

"That must have been hard for her," Rumi said, to the surprise of her two friends. They didn't want to say anything one way or another about Chisato's story. They didn't know what 'DA' was. Chisato put her arms around her partner, hugging her as tightly as possible. "Yeah it was. I'd do anything for her. I love her so much. She is *my girlfriend* after all." Her black-haired partner could only whisper, "yeah I feel the same."

Mika and Mizuki watched this all unfold as they talked with one another, as the night went on. At one point in their conversation, Zoey interjected, "we know of this really good beach in California. I [went surfing there](#) recently and well...both of my uh...partners...enjoyed it so much...we all had such a great time." While Takina wasn't sure what to make of what she was talking about, her blond-haired partner was excited. She was ready. "Oh, I'd love to go there! Give me all the details." She pulled out her phone again. Zoey understood and shared her number. Chisato was so happy to have the number of someone in her favorite band. She promised to text her responsibly.

At one point, Chisato pulled the three girls close. "If you all have any ideas for menu items or anything, let me know. We can advertise it as a Huntrix special." Zoey snickered. "Or a Polytrix special!" Rumi and Mira tried to shush her, but failed miserably. Yet another secret had been revealed. "That's what we call the three of us...we are in a romantic relationship too, but...we aren't out, yet." Chisato understood, as did Takina. She knew why people kept certain things from others, especially something as personal as this. "Well, you know, I just call Chisato my partner anyway. I often don't even use the word girlfriend, and people are fine with that."

After changing back into their original clothes, Mira, Rumi, and Zoey said their goodbyes. After they left, Mika and Mizuki came up to the two Lycoris. "You both did so well," Mizuki said, as she yawned, saying she had to go to sleep since she had something to do early the next morning. Mika was more curious about the offer made by the girls, particularly Zoey. "They said they knew of a beach somewhere?" Chisato nodded. "Yeah it's a private beach in California." Mika wasn't sure about this. He really *did not* want to go to the U.S. He had gone to Hawaii before the fascist-in-a-suit became president, but not since then. So, traveling to the U.S. was very dangerous now.

"I'm not sure...do you both really want to do it?" Takina and Chisato unusually, spoke in unison. They said one word: "yes." Mika sighed. "Okay, as long as we are safe. I don't want to put you either one of you in harms way. The U.S., right now, is an awful place with all these damn reactionary laws being passed and the fucking war in Iran. Ugh." Takina nodded. She understood. Her girlfriend did too. They'd go, but they'd be careful...

End Notes

Parts of this fic are inspired by pages 2-7 and 27 of the "LycoReco Top Secret Field Notes" from the Lycoris Recoil Complete Blu-Ray set.

Although I really did enjoy "[A Conversation](#)" by jazzysoggy, it didn't work for this fic in terms of serving as an inspiration. Similarly, while I liked "[L.I.E.L.L.A.](#)" by YokoDaze, that didn't vibe with this story either.

Pradhan also mentions Zombie Land Saga, saying it is an atypical idol anime, and calls Perfect Blue "chilling look at how an idol's simple career change can cause fans to disrupt her whole life...[with] the protagonist slowly descend[ing]...into madness as she can no longer distinguish between her real self, her actress roles, and her public persona," saying it shows "the reality of being a celebrity and the harm that being constantly watched can do to a person's psyche...[with] graphic portrayals of violence and harassment, which can leave a lasting impact on its audiences." Pradhan points to One Piece as the perfect parody anime and Attack on Titan as the perfect dark fantasy anime which "shows the value of freedom and the need for survival," with inspirational music. What Pradhan says about LycoReco is curious. He says that LycoReco is a "cute cafe in Tokyo run by two teenage assassins, Chisato and Takina...[both of whom] are orphans...recruited by an organization to maintain peace in Tokyo...[with] the girls mak[ing] coffee by day and become intimidating assassins by night, [with a]...dynamic partnership...reminiscent of the KPop Demon Hunters' trio."

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